

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

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Claim 1 (original): A camera comprising:  
a taking lens; and  
an image sensing device for sensing an optical subject image formed by the taking lens;  
a display device for displaying a subject image sensed by the image sensing device;  
and  
a controller for driving the taking lens to a focus position where in-focus condition is substantially obtained for distant to close-range views when the camera starts to operate.

Claim 2 (original): A camera as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the controller starts driving of the display device after performing said driving of the taking lens.

Claim 3 (original): A camera as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the taking lens is situated outside a normal shooting range when the camera is deactivated.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): A camera ~~as claimed in claim 4~~ comprising:  
a taking lens;  
an image sensing device for sensing an optical subject image formed by the taking  
lens;

a display device for displaying a subject image sensed by the image sensing device;  
and  
a controller for driving the taking lens to a focus position where in-focus condition  
is substantially obtained for distant to close-range views before display by the display  
device is started, wherein said driving of the taking lens is performed when power supply  
to the camera is started.

Claim 6 (original): A camera as claimed in claim 5,  
wherein the controller starts driving of the display device after performing said  
driving of the taking lens.

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Claim 7 (currently amended): A camera as claimed in claim 4 5,  
wherein said ~~driving of the controller~~ is further configured to drive said taking lens  
to said focus position ~~is performed when~~ after driving of the display device is started.

Claim 8 (original): A camera as claimed in claim 7,  
wherein the controller starts driving of the display device after performing said  
driving of the taking lens.

Claim 9 (original): A camera as claimed in claim 7,  
wherein the display device is started to drive by manually operating an operation  
member.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A camera ~~as claimed in claim 4~~ comprising:  
a taking lens;  
an image sensing device for sensing an optical subject image formed by the taking  
lens;  
a display device for displaying a subject image sensed by the image sensing device;  
and

a controller for driving the taking lens to a focus position where in-focus condition is substantially obtained for distant to close-range views before display by the display device is started, wherein said and for driving of the taking lens is performed to said focus position immediately after recording of an image is performed.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A camera as claimed in claim 4 10,  
wherein the controller starts driving of the display device after performing said driving of the taking lens.

Claim 12 (canceled)

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Claim 13 (currently amended): A camera body as claimed in claim ~~12~~ 14,  
wherein the display device receives the image from a taking unit comprising a taking lens and an image sensing device for sensing an image formed by the taking lens,  
and

wherein the controller performs said controlling by setting the taking lens at a focus position where in-focus condition is substantially obtained for distant to close-range views.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A camera body ~~as claimed in claim 12~~ comprising:  
a display device for displaying an image captured; and  
a controller for controlling image taking so that in-focus condition is substantially obtained for distant to close-range views before display by the display device is started,  
wherein said controlling is performed when power supply to a camera including the camera body is started.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A camera body as claimed in claim ~~12~~ 14,  
wherein said ~~controlling is performed when~~ controller further controls image taking so that said in-focus condition is substantially obtained after driving of the display device is  
has been started.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A display control method in a digital camera having a display device, comprising the steps of:

determining whether display of an image captured is requested or not when power supply to the camera is started;

when the display is requested, driving a taking lens to a focus position where in-focus condition is substantially obtained for distant to close-range views; and

displaying an image taken through by the taking lens situated at said focus position.

Claim 17 (new): A display control method in a digital camera having a display device, comprising the steps of:

immediately after recording of an image, determining whether a display setting is set for permitting the display device to display an image or set for prohibiting the display device from displaying an image;

when it is determined that the setting permits display of an image, automatically driving a taking lens to a focus position where in-focus condition is substantially obtained for distant to close-range views; and

displaying an image taken through the taking lens situated at said focus position.